MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

December is a reflective time of the year for me, when I look back over what the year has meant and look forward to recharging for the new year. To the women of HERS, I want to say congratulations on your hard work, commitment, and contributions in all aspects of your lives. Your initiatives have been essential to not only your success but the success of HERS. Celebrating your many accomplishments has provided me much joy in 2019.

Our wish from HERS during this holiday season is that you take care of yourself as you take care of others. It has been a long year. Give the precious gift of time to yourself. Schedule a retreat for yourself to relax, restore, and enter 2020 energized! There is still much work to be done.

We want everyone to know about the HERS organization and the importance of advancing women leaders. We are excited to announce that our cherished HERS Institute will now be recognized as the HERS Leadership Institute. This name change will emphasize the Institute’s mission and value to the higher education community and reflect the investment we’ve made to provide personal and professional growth opportunities to women for almost 50 years.

You grew as a leader and found a new community of leaders. The HERS Leadership Institute will continue to have a transformational impact and provide opportunities for the next generation of bold women leaders. As you advance, support the advancement of other women. Nominate a deserving candidate for one of our upcoming program services and consider donating to HERS in support of women who may not have the developmental support of their institutions.

As we wrap up our first year of Quarterly Newsletters, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. HERS is here to serve you. And, of course, if you would like to participate in a HERS Network Spotlight, please reach out to us. I want to hear from you at vfitzsimmons@HERSnetwork.org.

We wish you all the best as you celebrate this season of endings and new beginnings, and may 2020 bring you success.

In Awe of Your Leadership,

Verna Fitzsimmons, Ph.D.
President

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BY THE NUMBERS:

What does HERS' success look like so far in 2019

- In 2019, 191 women graduated our HERS Institute offerings at Wellesley College, Colorado School of Mines and Bryn Mawr College.
• Additionally, we had 22 women join us at our Next Stages, Next Steps workshop in August. Due to the workshop’s continued success, we will now be offering the workshop in January 2020, in addition to August 2020.
• We have noted 12 appointments amongst our alumnae to leadership roles at their institutions of higher education. Please continue to let us know about your promotions so we can share your success.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Next Stages Next Steps in Phoenix, AZ
  January 16 – 18, 2020
  Register Here!
- 2020 HERS Institute Summer Offerings
  Intensive 12-Day Format
  June 8 – 20, 2020 (Golden, CO – Denver Metro Area)
  Application Deadline: February 4, 2020
  Apply Today!
- July 6 – 18, 2020 (Bryn Mawr, PA – Philadelphia Metro Area)
  Application Deadline: February 4, 2020
  Apply Today!

HERS NETWORK SPOTLIGHT:
Dr. Yves Salomon-Fernandez
President, Greenfield Community College, Massachusetts (HERS Institute Alumna, Class of 2011)
“With so many existential threats to higher education (funding, enrollment shifts, etc.), we have to understand the needs and motivations of the various generations who are working together to help higher education live up to its full potential.”

Dr. Yves Salomon-Fernandez reflects on her experience at the HERS Leadership Institute and how it dared her to dream bigger and become a president. Read more about the challenges she’s faced and her advice to other women leaders in higher education.

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HERS NETWORK SPOTLIGHT:
Yenny D. Anderson
(HERS Institute Alumna, Class of 2015)
“I remember driving home from Bryn Mawr and feeling as if I could conquer the world from that point forward.”

Dr. Yenny D. Anderson reflects on her own time at the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute, how it impacted her leadership trajectory both personally and professionally, as well as advice for supporting employees of younger generations.

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We hope you all have a wonderful winter break and look forward to another year of growth and new successes.